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News in Brief

22 earn stripe below-the-zone

Two airmen first class were selected for a senior airman below-the-zone promotion in December by the central base board. They are **Neoklis Martin**, 509th Bomb Wing, and **Karissa Smith**, 509th Services Squadron.

Twenty airmen first class were selected for a senior airman below-the-zone promotion in December under the large unit category. They are **Hali-maile Apana** and **Matthew Perkins**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, **Michelle Bomar**, 509th Munitions Squadron, **Jarrett Doorentz**, **Alejandro Lupercio**, **Daniel O'Hern**, **Eric Powell**, **Patrick Sanchez** and **Bruce Smith**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, **Steven Burnett** and **Brian Lever-ton**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, **Katrina Ball**, **Tommy Colvin** and **Jared Orientale**, 509th Maintenance Squadron, **Christopher Filicky**, **Fred-dy Munoz** and **Anthony Vespa**, 509th Security Force Squadron, **Rosemarie Morelli**, 509th Operations Support Squadron, and **Morrel Muller** and **Chantha Ouch**, 509th Communications Squadron.

Whiteman Appreciation day at SFCC

State Fair Community College in Sedalia is sponsoring a Whiteman Appreciation Day Jan. 29 for their men's basketball team's home game against Brown Mackie at 7 p.m. Military members and their dependents can get in for free by showing their military ID.

Flu shots available

Flu shots are available for everyone at the immunizations clinic. Clinic hours are 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. For more details, call 687-4304.

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Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Sign me up

Cole Camp, Mo., Mayor R. E. Harris signs in with Becky Lawson, 509th Bomb Wing, before the start of the 509th's Civic Leader Tour Wednesday and Thursday. The event is designed to educate area leaders on the military mission and how it's accomplished. The 28 civic leaders traveled to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., and toured the flightline, the Thunderbirds hangar and the F/A-22 hangar. They also traveled to Peterson AFB, Colo., to visit Northern Command, North American Aerospace Defense Command and the U.S. Air Force Academy.

MPF honored with award

By 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick

Public Affairs

Working behind the scenes helps a small group ensure Whiteman members can concentrate on mission success.

The group is the 509th Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight. Members ensure promotions, retirements, deployments, re-enlistments, evaluations, retraining, and more are processed correctly, accurately and in a timely fashion.

Every Whiteman military member has and will have contact with the MPF. Often, this service is taken for granted, said Chief Master Sgt. Nancy Taulbee, MPF superintendent, and expected to be done properly with little thought of the effort or coordination required to keep 3,783 records current.

At Whiteman, that has changed.

After winning the Air Combat Command 2003 Gerrit D. Foster Jr. Outstanding MPF Achievement Award, MPF members can take pride in knowing the challenges they faced and overcome have been noticed.

The award is given to those select MPFs that give outstanding service or make significant contributions to the Air Force

One major challenge MPF members faced was when one-third of the MPF deployed, yet the mission was accomplished without any changes.

"It didn't change the standard, it didn't change the services provided or how we do business," Chief Taulbee said. "Everyone stepped up and shared the increased workload."

Airman Bethany Ponton, MPF in-processing and retraining representative, agrees.

"We all pulled together and worked as a team to get the job done," said the Bowling Green, Mo., native. "Without that it could not have been possible."

Everyone's effort helped rank the MPF as the top or runner-up MPF in ACC and Air Force Personnel Center for three of the last six months while operating at 50-percent manning.

It was also a year of improvements and firsts.

Flight members processed the first-ever forward deployment of more than 340 people to support B-2 operations for Operation Iraqi Freedom and reduced pay cases by 95 percent for the year.

Numerous improvements were implemented including a new database to track enlisted and officer performance reports that Chief Taulbee said works flawlessly. Records processing for personnel reliability program and non-PRP records were combined with a savings of more than 50 percent in workload.

As for numbers, team members handled more than 17,500 customers and produced more than 8,300 common access cards. They processed more than 1,200 permanent change of station moves and 500 formal training orders.

The flight administered 1,997 weighted airman promotion system tests with 242 of those out-of-cycle.

Chief Taulbee called the competition for this award unbelievable and said the MPF members are unsung heroes who are getting the recognition they deserve for a job well done.

Commander's Corner

By Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg
509th Bomb Wing Commander

COMBAT IN RETROSPECT: Sometimes it's not bad to look back ... to recollect what we have accomplished. History will show that for Team Whiteman, this past year was the epitome of the most enduring and extensive combat operations we've ever been committed to for our nation.

Look carefully. The 509th Bomb Wing accomplished its mission in 18 nights; from two separate locations. With the extraordinary effort of every individual we "kicked the doors down" in Iraq. The B-2 Spirit once again proved it can pave the way for others to follow. From downtown Baghdad to every hard deeply buried target, we transformed the art of aerial warfare with an unprecedented set of attacks that will go down in the annals of air combat history as the pinnacle of precision, urban and stealth attack.

Once again, your B-2s accomplished the mission undetected. Clearly, the price for freedom is not free; to this day, many of our comrades-in-arms have paid the ultimate sacrifice. Yet, you can stand proud that you opened the "road" to Baghdad for our air-



men, soldiers and Marines ... many who were kept from harm's way because of our actions.

Operation Iraqi Freedom has affected us all. Many warriors deployed to "bridge the gap" for Air Expeditionary Forces 7 and 8.

Today, we have more than 200 away from home for current AEF operations — active, Guard and Reserve. The 442nd Fighter Wing has returned victorious with an enviable combat record. They have settled the score from the south to the north! Records will show that the A-10 met the mission with an extraordinary 100 percent sortie rate. By the way, the 442nd hosted a welcome home for their airmen Saturday. Many thanks to our community partners, who supported this important event.

Our Navy Reserve team of the Mobile Inshore Underwater Warfare Unit 114 took the fight to the enemy. They deployed first to Kuwait and then seized the critical port of Um Qasr in southern Iraq — a key objective to supplying the thrust for our coalition forces. Finally, the Missouri Army National Guard's 1-135th Attack Battalion continued to support Homeland Defense with its deployed soldiers. So ask yourself, how did we successfully accomplish this? Through teamwork, training and the strong support of our families, community partners and employers. Please accept our sincere gratitude for your service — at home and

abroad!

FROM ONE STRIPE TO ONE STAR: Our wing experienced a unique promotion ceremony Jan. 5. Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, 8th Air Force commander, promoted one of our youngest airman, Airman Jackson Thompson, a host of enlisted 509ers, and one "senior" airman!

On behalf of my wife, Claudia, and our sons, Curt and Greg, I want to personally thank you for attending such a memorable flag debut. It is an honor to serve with the Spirit Team and a distinction to have been promoted with the greatest airmen in our Air Force.

I would like to also extend a very special thank you to Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 509th BW command chief master sergeant, Chief Master Sgt. Terry Douglas, 509 Medical Group, Master Sgt. John Benson, 509th Communications Squadron first sergeant, Master Sgt. Gary Bolton, 509th Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, Jo Ostendorf, Master Sgt. Mac McClellan, Tech. Sgt. Walt Farwell and Senior Airman Tim Owens from protocol, Capt. Gary Pillow and Dave "Skipper" Thompson, and a host of others for their extraordinary work and participation to make our day so rewarding.

CONGRATULATIONS STEP PROMOTEES: It was a privilege, as my first general-officer action, to "tack on" three new sets of Stripes for Exceptional Performers, or STEP promotions. A very hearty con-

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If you've exhausted all the normal avenues to resolve the situation, then feel free to call Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, at 687-3119 or e-mail 9rl@whiteman.af.mil.

gratulations to our newest senior NCO, Master Sgt. Chuck Wellman, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Equally, we have two new top-grade NCOs ... Tech. Sgt. Tina Tafolla, 509th CS, and Tech. Sgt. Billy Jack Roberts, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Unequivocally, they're the best of the best! Congratulations.

THE B-2 IS FULLY COMBAT CAPABLE — ARE YOU? On a final note, it's worth repeating, the "B-2 bomber is now a Fully Operational Capable weapon system for our Air Force." How well is your combat capability? In the year to come, I urge each of you to focus on your fitness, your health and your mission! I encourage you to stay "Fit for the Fight!" You are part of the most valuable team in America ... the one that supports and defends our nation's freedom. We need you ... our nation needs you!

Be proud to serve; you're making history

By Maj. Jim McCreary

509th Contracting Squadron Commander

During the holidays, I traveled back to Iowa and spent some quality time with family and friends. It was one of those few times when I could escape the daily issues that tend to consume a majority of my energy.

I was successful in purging my mind of daily phone calls, e-mails, countless issues and the seemingly endless unit compliance inspection preparations. It was during this time that I felt a sense of how fortunate I am to participate in shaping history by serving our country in the Air Force.

On Christmas day, after loading the kids and the endless gear in the van, we made our 60-mile trek from my parent's home to meet with my wife's family. After the gifts were ripped open and the kids topped off on sugary treats, I had the pleasure of having a conversation with my razor sharp 72-year-old father-in-law.

As we discussed Air Force issues, I told him of the incredible B-2 gala and arrival ceremony that took place a few days earlier and about the 509th Bomb Wing's rich history evident during the events. He was particularly interested in the fact that the 509th could trace its lineage back to Col. Paul W. Tibbets Jr. and the closing days of World War II.

After discussing those incredible events and sharing the stories of the initial B-2 arrival in 1993, my father-in-law got up from his chair, went to the den and grabbed an old photo album. He opened it to the first photo in the



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Maj. Jim McCreary, 509th Contracting Squadron commander, and Staff Sgt. Chad Obermiller, 509th CONS, review contract information with squadron member Ann Robinson.

book. The photo was his flight crew posing in front a mammoth B-36 bomber on the apron at Carswell Air Force Base near Fort Worth, Texas. Although the photo was incredible, it was the way he talked with a 72-year-old man's voice, like the young lieutenant he was back in 1953. His voice was filled with pride as reminisced about

his Air Force adventures.

He praised the leadership of Gen. Curtis LeMay and drove home the point that, fortunately, the mighty B-36 never had to drop a bomb on an enemy. We continued looking through the photo album containing several B-36 photos and discussed the 11th BW's mission that certainly, in hindsight, contributed significantly toward a victorious Cold War.

At the end of a fun-filled day, we packed up the loot and started back to my parents' home. During this quiet drive home I realized how great it is to help shape world history from a small but mighty base in central Missouri.

Whether you're flying Apache helicopters, maintaining B-2s, serving meals at the dining hall or writing contracts to keep base services continuing, you are shaping history in a unique way that only those associated with the military are privileged to do.

Just as my father-in-law, in 1953, may not have realized the full impact of his 11th BW's tremendous contribution toward winning the Cold War, we don't always realize our contribution toward making this world a better, more peaceful place. Whether you're active duty, reservist, Guard, civil service, Department of Defense contractor or a dependent, you should be proud because you're making history through your selfless contribution.

Thanks for your service. God bless and have a great 2004!

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Rumsfeld outlines DOD priorities

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The war on terrorism will remain the Defense Department's top priority in the new year, as officials continue to focus on improving and modernizing its programs, systems and forces to make them more responsive to 21st-century requirements.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said the department already has made "remarkable progress" and will continue its work to "strengthen, improve and transform our forces, modernize and restructure programs and commands ... and streamline DOD processes and procedures."

Secretary Rumsfeld laid out an ambitious list of initiatives, many already under way, that he said will help free the department of its Cold War-era trappings that no longer support current demands.

Among these initiatives is the effort to rebalance the active and Reserve components throughout the services. Secretary Rumsfeld said the war on terror, with its heavy use of National Guard and Reserve troops, underscores the importance of the effort.

"Our experience thus far in the global war on terror,



Rumsfeld

particularly in Iraq and Afghanistan, has shown that we have somewhat of a Cold War mix of active and Reserve forces remaining," Secretary Rumsfeld said. "And we really do need to adjust it to reflect the circumstances of the day."

Proposals being drafted by the services "will set a new balance between active and Reserve that will fit the 21st century," Secretary Rumsfeld said.

Also high on the agenda for 2004 is implementation of the new National Security Personnel System that took effect with passage of the 2004 National Defense Authorization Act, Secretary Rumsfeld said. The new law gives DOD the authority to create a new framework of rules, regulations and processes that govern the way civilians are hired, paid, promoted and disciplined within the department. The new system will replace outdated and rigid civil service rules that many said hindered DOD's ability to carry out its national security mission.

"Executed properly, the new system can play a key role in relieving stress on the force," Secretary Rumsfeld said.

On a broader scope, Secretary Rumsfeld said the military will continue its efforts to adjust global posture during 2004.

This initiative involves re-examining the U.S. military "footprint" in the world — much of it the result of historic, Cold War threats that no longer exist — and to revise them to meet current demands.

Besides those people permanently stationed at its bases worldwide, the U.S. military has thousands of servicemembers on deployments worldwide, said Gen.

Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. This includes roughly 125,000 in Iraq; 13,000 in Afghanistan; more than 2,000 at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; and more than 1,000 participating in Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa.

Meanwhile, nearly 3,500 servicemembers are conducting stabilization operations in the Balkans, and about 1,500 are performing counterdrug operations and other training in Central and South America, General Myers said.

Secretary Rumsfeld continued to list efforts and initiatives the department will pursue in 2004.

"Going forward, we will continue to aggressively pursue the Global War on Terrorism, strengthening joint warfighting capabilities, transforming the joint force, strengthening our intelligence capabilities (and) strengthening our ability to counter the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction," he said.

Secretary Rumsfeld said DOD also will focus on improving force planning through quality of life, infrastructure and other modifications, refining and improving the department's role in homeland security, and streamlining its budget, contingency and other departmental processes.

"We have a full agenda," Secretary Rumsfeld said. "It is what President Bush has asked of us. It is what the American people expect of us. And it is work that we intend to proceed with over the coming months of 2004."

Voluntary retraining begins

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Air Force needs 1,100 NCOs in surplus career fields to voluntarily retrain into shortage career fields to balance the enlisted force in 2004.

The voluntary phase of the fiscal 2004 NCO Retraining Program began Jan. 5 and ends Feb. 23. The program helps balance the enlisted force by moving staff, technical and master sergeants from specialties with surpluses to specialties with shortages.

Imbalances in the mid-level NCO grades among specialties occur as a result of personnel force structure changes, differing retention trends among specialties and the equality of promotions across all skills.

If needed, personnel officials will resort to an involuntary retraining phase March 8 through April 26.

"While every effort is made to attract volunteers, some NCOs may be selected for involuntary retraining if the number of volunteers falls short," said Lt. Col. Kim Haney, chief of the Air Force skills requirements branch at the Pentagon. "The enlisted force is not perfectly balanced so we have to take some action to get as close as possible."

The Air Force's fiscal 2003 retraining program was the first action taken in five years, Colonel Haney said. Some NCOs

did not act upon the opportunities presented to them and as a result were involuntarily retrained.

"It's really in the best interest for those identified for retraining to take action and investigate the possibilities," Colonel Haney said.

Tech. Sgt. Derek Hughes, NCO in charge of Air Force enlisted retraining at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, said he believes more people identified for retraining in 2004 will consider their options and seek out opportunities.

"I believe that we'll be more successful in the voluntary portion this year because people learned last year that the Air Force was serious about the program. People who were vulnerable, who didn't make their own choice, had it made for them," Sergeant Hughes said.

"Last year we identified people for retraining by name and we're doing that again. They'll get a 'rip' saying they're vulnerable," Sergeant Hughes said.

A Web page shows them how vulnerable they are and where they stand on a list of their peers by Air Force Specialty Code and grade. The Web page is available at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/retraining/retraining/htm>. Users must log onto their virtual MPF account to view the data.

The voluntary phase is not limited to



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Airman 1st Class Bethany Ponton, 509th Mission Support Squadron, reviews the retraining information book with Staff Sgt. Eric Dofflemeyer, 509th Security Forces Squadron.

people identified on the list. Anyone matching the specialty code and grade, who is otherwise eligible, can apply for retraining during the voluntary phase.

"Last year, there weren't enough volunteers in Phase 1, so we did a non-vol phase," Sergeant Hughes said. "And even after that, 200 people still didn't submit applications, so we had to pick jobs for them. They chose not to decide and were not necessarily happy with the results. We'd

rather tell them how to be proactive, how to find something that would interest them."

A complete list of retraining-in opportunities is available on the retraining advisory at the military personnel flights. Vulnerability listings for retraining-out by grade and specialty code will be updated weekly. The MPF also provides real-time updates for applications and actual program status numbers.

Airman jailed for driving under the influence

On Dec. 22, a special court-martial convicted Senior Airman Steven Whitaker, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, of drunk driving and damaging private property. He was sentenced to three months in jail, reduction to airman and forfeiture of \$860 pay per month for two months.

Airman Whitaker's case went to trial because he had a prior drunk driving incident and two Article 15 actions. Also, in the incident that went to trial, Whitaker damaged private property.

Airman Whitaker was drinking with a friend at a bar in Columbia, Mo. Although he arranged for the friend to be the designated driver, the friend left in Airman

Whitaker's truck without him.

Airman Whitaker got a ride to his friend's apartment. When the friend wouldn't answer the door, Airman Whitaker kicked down the door, took the keys to his truck and left for Warrensburg.

A Boone County, Mo., sheriff's deputy stopped him on Interstate 70 after watching Airman Whitaker weave on the road. Airman Whitaker failed the field sobriety tests, blew a .214, and was arrested for DUI and felony property damage. The Boone County prosecuting attorney agreed to let the Air Force handle the case.

Airman Whitaker will serve his time in the Whiteman confinement facility.

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New law protects service members against financial, legal obligations

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — A new law replacing the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 provides service members greater protections to handle personal financial and legal obligations, officials said.

President Bush signed the Service Members' Civil Relief Act into law Dec. 19.

"The focus of the (new act) is the same as under the SSCRA: To provide protections to service members who have difficulty meeting their personal financial and legal obligations because of their military service," said Lt. Col. Patrick Lindemann, deputy director for legal policy in the office of the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

This is significant, because it clarifies and updates SSCRA provisions and adds some protections.

"Service members on long-term deployments, or called to active duty, should not have to worry about their families in their absence being evicted from their quarters without sufficient legal protections, or that they're paying on a leased car or apartment that they can't use, or about civil legal proceedings they can't attend because of their deployment," he said.

"These are some of the situations the SSCRA covers so that service members are able to devote their energies to the military mission and the defense needs of the nation, and not on civil matters waiting for them at home,"

Colonel Lindemann said.

An automatic 90-day stay of civil proceedings upon application by the service member is what Colonel Lindemann called "a significant change" in the new act. This applies to all judicial and administrative hearings. Previously, stays were discretionary with the courts.

The new relief act also makes it clear the 6-percent limitation on interest rates for pre-service debts requires a reduction in monthly payments, and any interest in excess of 6 percent is forgiven, not deferred, Colonel Lindemann said.

The SSCRA also expanded the protection against eviction. Under the SSCRA, service members and their family who entered into a lease for \$1,200 or less could not be evicted without a court order. This amount is increased to \$2,400 and added an annual inflation adjustment. For 2004, the maximum will be \$2,465, significantly increasing the number of service members entitled to this protection, Colonel Lindemann said.

The new relief act also gives the service member who has received permanent change-of-station orders or who is being deployed for 90 days or more the right to terminate a housing lease with 30 days' written notice. Before, service members could be required to pay for housing they were unable to occupy.

One of the more significant new provisions is an added protection for motor-vehicle leases. Any active-duty service member who has received PCS orders outside the continental United States, or who is being deployed for



Photo By Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Cpts. Adam Slaughter, chief of legal assistance, and Steve Smart, chief of civil law, review the changes to the Service Members' Civil Relief Act.

180 days or more, may terminate a motor-vehicle lease. The law prohibits early termination charges.

"Now, service members won't have to pay monthly lease payments for a car they can't use," Colonel Lindemann said.

"Service members may not always realize all the protections they have under the law," Colonel Lindemann said. "If service members have questions about the SSCRA or the protections that they may be entitled to, they should contact their unit judge advocate or installation legal assistance officer for further assistance."

Spotlight on Justice

In November and December 19 people received Articles 15, 16 people were discharged and two people were court-martialed.

Articles 15

An airman first class from the 509th Security Forces Squadron received an Article 15 for disrespecting an NCO and destroying non-military property. The punishment was reduction to airman, suspended forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for two months, restriction to base for 30 days and 30 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received an Article 15 for failing to obey a lawful order. The punishment was reduction to airman basic, restriction to base for 30 days and 45 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 509th SFS received an Article 15 for signing a false official statement and under the influence of alcohol while performing duties. The punishment was reduction to airman, suspended forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for two months, restriction to base for 30 days and 30 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 509th Maintenance Squadron received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty and signing a false official statement. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$100 pay, restriction to base for 30 days and 30 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 509th Mission Support Squadron received an Article 15 for government computer violations. The punishment was reduction to airman, restriction to base for 30 days and 30 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 509th AMXS received an Article 15 for driving under the influence of alcohol. The punishment was reduction to airman with a suspended reduction to airman basic, restriction to the base for 30 days and 30 days extra duty.

An airman from the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty. The punishment was reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of

\$250 pay per month for two months and 14 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 509th CES received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty and performing duties while under the influence of alcohol. The punishment was reduction to airman with suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$50 pay per month for two months, restriction to base for seven days and 14 days extra duty.

An airman basic from the 509th CES received an Article 15 for failing to obey a lawful order, dereliction of duty, and assault and battery. The punishment was forfeiture of \$75 pay per month for two months, restriction to base for 30 days and 14 days extra duty.

An airman from the 509th CES received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$75 pay per month for two months, restriction to base for 14 days and 14 days extra duty.

A senior airman from the 509th AMXS received an Article 15 for failing to obey a lawful order. The punishment was reduction to airman first class with suspended reduction to airman basic.

An airman first class from the 509th Munitions Squadron received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman.

A senior airman from the 509th Operations Support Squadron received an Article 15 for failure to go. The punishment was forfeiture of \$200 pay per month for two months and 30 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 509th SFS received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty. The punishment was reduction to airman, restriction to base for 30 days and 20 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 509th SFS received an Article 15 for dereliction

of duty and misbehavior of sentinel. The punishment was reduction to airman, suspended forfeiture of \$150 pay per month for two months and 30 days extra duty.

A senior airman from the 509th AMXS received an Article 15 for assault and disorderly conduct, and discredit to the service. The punishment was reduction to airman first class, suspended forfeiture of \$150 pay per month for two months, restriction to base for 14 days and 14 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 509th AMXS received an Article 15 for driving under the influence of alcohol. The punishment was reduction to airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for two months and 45 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 509th CES received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty, and assault and battery. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$350 pay per month for two months, restriction to base for 30 days and 30 days extra duty.

An airman from the 509th MXS received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty and driving under the influence of alcohol. The punishment was reduction to airman basic, restriction to base for 30 days and 30 days extra duty.

Discharges

An airman from the 509th AMXS received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

An airman first class from the 509th MXS received a general discharge for fraudulent entry.

An airman first class from the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron received an honorable discharge for a mental disorder.

An airman from the 509th SFS received a general discharge for a pattern of miscon-

duct.

An airman basic from the 509th SFS received a general discharge for committing a serious offense.

A senior airman from the 509th Communications Squadron received an honorable discharge for unsatisfactory performance.

An airman from the 509th MXS received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

A senior airman from the 509th LRS received an honorable discharge for unsatisfactory performance.

An airman first class from the 509th CS received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

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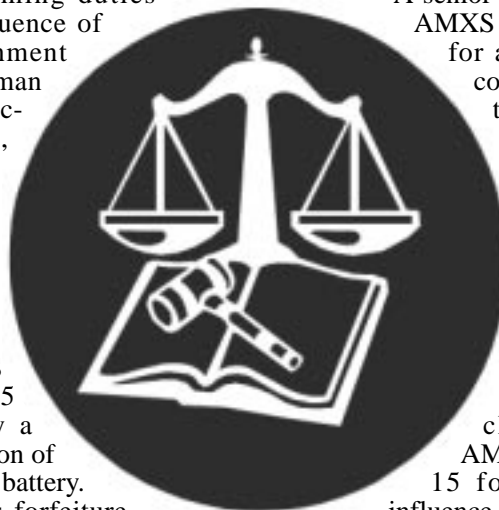
An airman first class from the 509th CS received a general discharge for minor disciplinary infractions.

An airman basic from 509th SFS received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

Courts-martial

A senior airman from the 509th AMXS was court-martialed for destroying non-military property and driving under the influence of alcohol. The sentence was reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$860 pay per month for two months and three months confinement.

An airman from the 509th SFS was court-martialed for dereliction of duty and drug use. The sentence was reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$525 pay and 21 days confinement.





Courtesy photo

Senior Airman Marla Bell, the elf, and Staff Sgt. Christopher Sandefur, Santa, ring bells outside the commissary during Operation Warmheart. The 509th Security Forces Squadron members helped the Whiteman First Sergeants Group spread cheer to needy families during the holidays.

First sergeants put people first

By Senior Master Sgt. Mark Clark

509th Civil Engineer Squadron First Sergeant

The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are a time to give thanks and enjoy the spirit of giving, and no group on Whiteman personifies that belief more than the first sergeants.

During the 2003 holidays, while most people were planning leave, family gatherings, etc., the Whiteman First Sergeants Group was busy identifying families that might need extra help to get through the holidays. Programs such as Warmheart, Angel Tree and Holiday Food Baskets were on the front burner for the first sergeants as they strived to ensure every family in the Whiteman community had a great holiday.

Volunteers pitched in to help those identified by the first sergeants. Base members collected 4.5 tons of food to

provide more than 200 families a Thanksgiving food basket, a record \$6,375 in commissary checks for Christmas meals were given to more than 120 families and more than 230 children were given Christmas gifts from the Angel Tree.

More than \$10,000 was collected from throughout the community to help Whiteman families during the holidays.

The Whiteman First Sergeants Group thanks everyone who volunteered to help make this holiday a special one for Team Whiteman families who needed the extra help.

The Whiteman first sergeants personified their creed “My Job is People, Everyone is My Business” by putting people first this holiday season. The spirit of giving and taking care of our own is alive and well here.

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60 make commitment, decide to stay

By Senior Master Sgt. Bobby Rush
509th Bomb Wing Career Assistance Adviser

In October and November, 60 members of the 509th Bomb Wing made a commitment to stay with the Air Force. These people decided to stay:

Senior Airmen Robin Chadwell, 509th Communications Squadron, **Tavaris Council**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, **David Hollinger**, 509th CES, **Taulbee McGinnis**, 509th CES, **Christopher Moody**, 509th CS, **Desiree Penn**, 509th CES, **Daniel Ray**, 509th CS, **Alan Reynolds**, 509th CS, **James Rumfelt**, 509th Munitions Squadron, **Katrina Tabako**, 509th Maintenance Squadron, **Emanuel Villegas**, 509th CES, **Christopher Wagoner**, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, **Maurice Walker**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, **Joseph Weir**, 509th MXS, and **Melissa Wells**, 394th Combat Training Squadron.

Staff Sgts. Neil Atherton, 509th MXS, **Andrea Brown**, 509th LRS, **Christopher Camara**, 509th Security

Forces Squadron, **Eric Collins**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, **David Dunne**, 509th LRS, **Michael Gilkeson**, 509th Mission Support Squadron, **David Hill**, 509th AMXS, **Joseph Karnes**, 509th MUNS, **Giovana Klein**, 509th AMXS, **Jeffrey Klein**, 509th Munitions Squadron, **David Moore**, 509th SFS, **James Moore**, 509th Contracting Squadron, **Roy Murray**, 509th AMXS, **John Pilla**, 509th CES, **Troy Rinehart**, 509th LRS, **Gerald Roberts**, 509th MUNS, **Darius Stanley**, 509th Medical Group, **Willie Walker**, 509th CES, **Chad Welka**, 509th SFS, and **Dewayne Whinery**, 509th CES.

Tech. Sgts. David Adams, 509th MXS, **Richard Barbineaux**, 509th MUNS, **Tracey Burns**, 509th CS, **Aaron Colborn**, 509th SFS, **James Esarey**, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, **Corey Johnson**, 509th Comptroller Squadron, **Julius Mckenzie**, 715th Weapons Squadron, **Colleen Neary**, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, **Yolanda Newton**, 715th WPS, **Andrew Ray**, 509th LRS, **Joseph Rosinski**, 509th LRS, **Jon Summerbell**, 509th

Maintenance Group, and **Heather Sells**, 509th MUNS.

Master Sgts. Vontrece Exum, 509th Bomb Wing, **Robert Markley**, 509th CES, **David Morgan**, 509th MXS, **Donald Peters**, 509th MOS, **Troy Sharp**, 509th MUNS, **Ray Smith**, 509th AMXS, and **Thomas Wissinger**, 509th SFS.

Senior Master Sgts. Andres Alvarez, 509th MXS, **Mark Clark**, 509th CES, **Harold Hollis**, 509th CES, and **Kenneth Wallace**, 509th LRS.

Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth Huls, 509th CS.

Every one of you is faced periodically with the decision to stay or go. No one can make that decision for you, but my job is to help weigh the factors to make the best possible decision.

If you have any questions or concerns about the decision, ask! The career assistance office is located in the professional development center, Bldg. 1435. If you need other career assistance, call 687-STAY (7829).

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Making it a career

AL DHAFRA AIR BASE, United Arab Emirate — Maj. Michael Wheeler, Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, administers the oath of enlistment as Staff Sgt. Brian Morris, 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, re-enlists. Sergeant Morris is a member of the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Whiteman.



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Another round

MANAS AIR BASE, Kyrgyzstan — Maj. Scott Ross, 376th Expeditionary Services Squadron commander, administers the oath of enlistment to Staff Sgt. Scotty Burmeister, 376th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, as he re-enlists. They're both deployed from Whiteman.

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Whiteman Spirit Award



Airman 1st Class Juan Zamora

509th Services Squadron

Airman 1st Class Juan Zamora, 509th Services Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, Dec. 23.

Master Sgt. Ben McClellan, 509th BW, nominated Airman Zamora for the award because he went beyond his primary duties to support the B-2 gala.

Following the arrival ceremony, U.S. Representative Ike Skelton, Missouri's 4th district, went to his billeting room to prepare for the night's events, the sergeant said.

"When the congressman arrived at the dinner, he noticed that he had forgotten his glasses in the billeting room," Sergeant McClellan said. "Airman Zamora grabbed the glasses and delivered them to the ceremony in Warrensburg."

Airman Zamora's actions enabled the congressman to enjoy dinner and the evening festivities, Sergeant McClellan said.

"Not only did his actions speak highly of himself and the 509th SVS, Airman Zamora was a big help to the protocol office and made a small problem disappear," Sergeant McClellan said.

Personally Speaking

Duty title: Guest services representative

Time on station: 2 years

Time in service: 2 years, 6 months

Hometown: Porterville, Calif.

Hobbies: Traveling to new places.

Goals: I want to complete school and succeed in whatever I do.

Best thing about Whiteman: The life experiences that I have learned and the friends that I have made.

Pet peeves: People who don't stand for anything.

What motivates your winning spirit? The support from my family.

If you could change one thing at Whiteman, what would it be? I would move it closer to Kansas City, Mo.

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From sergeant to Shriner

By Senior Airman Shawn Clements
Public Affairs

After Staff Sgt. Mike Gilkeson finishes his duty day, he trades his organizational hat for a fez.

Sergeant Gilkeson is a Shriners member and has been one for more than a year.

The Shrine, as it's known by its members, was established in 1872 by a group of 13 men. It was originally established to provide fun and fellowship for its members. As the organization grew, its members decided to help others by establishing the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

"Shriners hospitals provide free treatment to children with orthopedic, burn or spinal cord problems," said the 509th Mission Support Squadron personnel readiness unit member. "The Shriners also provide the children's family a hotel near the hospital for free."

The Shriners raise money for the hospitals through fund raisers, parades, circuses and by paying dues.

Sergeant Gilkeson became interested in the Shriners after the organization helped his sister, who was born with a deformity, and his family. "I've seen first hand the good that this

organization provides to children and their families," the five-year Whiteman member said.

That wasn't the only reason he was interested in it.

"My grandfather was one too, so it's kind of a family tradition. I decided to keep that tradition going when my father-in-law asked me to become a member," Sergeant Gilkeson said.

Sergeant Gilkeson is an active Shriner and helps in the community.

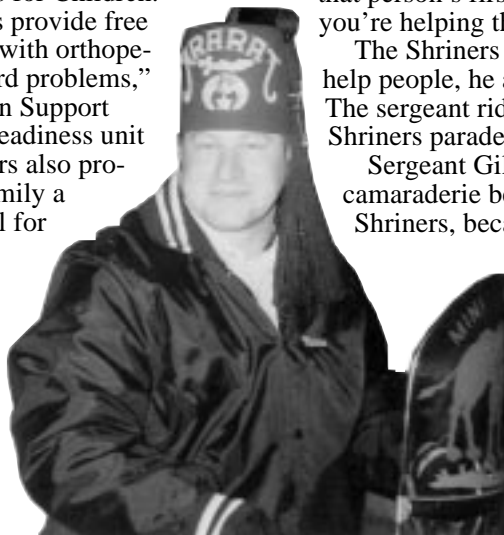
"I get a numbing feeling when I go out and help people," he said. "You're either that person's first or last resort when you're helping them."

The Shriners member doesn't just help people, he also gets to have fun. The sergeant rides minicycles in the Shriners parades and circus.

Sergeant Gilkeson said he likes the camaraderie between his fellow Shriners, because it often reminds

him of the same kind of bond he shares with his fellow military members.

"I would definitely recommend this organization to anyone who would like to get involved with it," Sergeant Gilkeson said. "I couldn't see anyone not wanting to become a Shriner because of all the good that the organization does."



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Mike Gilkeson, 509th Mission Support Squadron, fills his off-duty time as a member of the Shriners.



Civilian employee of the week

Betty Jones, 509th Comptroller Squadron, was nominated for this award by Lt. Col. Diane Holmgren, 509th CPTS commander, for her dedicated 40 years of government service. Mrs. Jones currently works for the financial management office as an analyst and also does economic impact statements for the surrounding area.



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Nice jacket

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Air Force Uniform Board members have introduced embroidering the Air Force logo onto the lightweight blue jacket as an optional wear item. The new addition will undergo a wear-testing period at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. Airmen can have the logo added to their jackets at any time by visiting an embroidery shop. For the full story visit <http://www.af.mil/stories/story.asp?storyID=123006319>

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Store employee Neil Wray spackles a wall at the commissary.



Cashier Martha Willming scans items at the commissary.

\$6.5 million renovations begin in May at commissary

By Senior Airman Shawn Clements
Public Affairs

The commissary was approved for a \$6.5 million renovation that's scheduled to begin in May and will take about 18 months to complete.

The renovation includes new refrigeration units and an expanded shopping floor with new meat, dairy, produce, and deli and bakery sections.

"This expansion should help better serve

the more than 22,000 customers we get per month," said Carol Lakey, commissary store director. "Renovations at the store will take place Mondays and in the evening weekdays so it won't inconvenience the customers."

Due to the renovations, the commissary is closed Mondays.

The commissary store hours are 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursdays, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays.



Store worker Sharon Greene scans price tags at the commissary.



Michael Lentz stocks celery in the produce section at the commissary.



Defense Commissary Agency employee Roger Luehrman helps Regina Davis at the customer service counter in the commissary.



Deli and bakery worker Patti Tesch puts the lid on a soup container at the commissary.



Jerry Abner places a price sticker under an item at the commissary. He has worked there for 25 years.

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Photo by Airman Ryan Wilson

It's the green wire

Staff Sgt. Raymond Forrester, 509th Communications Squadron, performs maintenance at the network control center. The NCC maintains Whiteman's computer network.

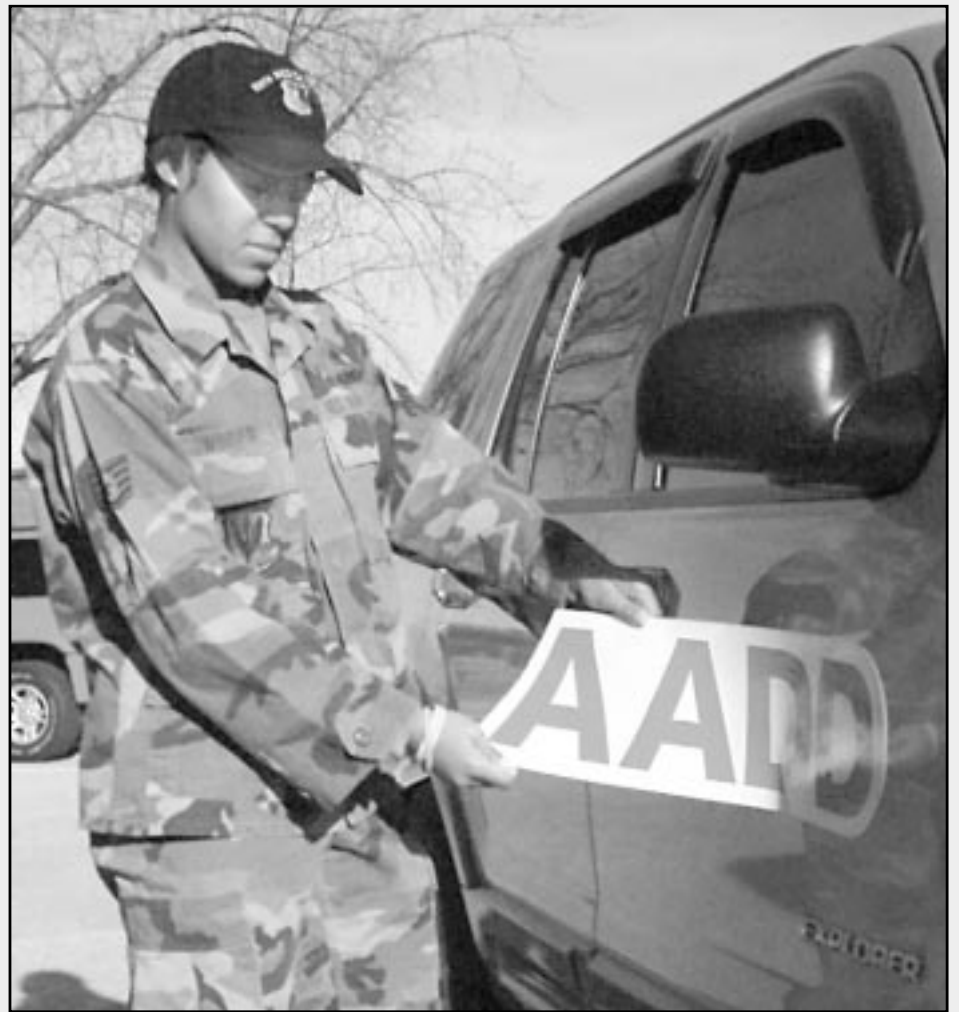


Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Free ride

Staff Sgt. Erin Winder, 509th Medical Support Squadron, places the Airmen Against Drunk Driving sign on her vehicle. The AADD sign helps people, who call for a free ride, identify the volunteer driver easier. Sergeant Winder joined AADD in June 2003. People interested in becoming an AADD member can attend the next meeting at 1 p.m. Feb. 5 at the professional development center, or call Senior Airman Kelly Johnson at 687-4800 for more details.

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Rolling 'em in

Eric Cooper and Scott Beauchamp, Phillip Svitak Memorial Bicycle benefit members, wheel children's bicycles into the 509th Bomb Wing headquarters building. The organization donated 10 bikes to 509th BW families and 25 bikes to 442nd Fighter Wing families for Christmas. Army Sgt. 1st Class Phillip Svitak was killed in action March 4, 2002, in Afghanistan. Sergeant Svitak was an avid cyclist who competed at the expert level in mountain biking. The members of the memorial established this to show their gratitude to military members.



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Photo by Staff Sgt. Angela Blazier

Let's celebrate

Tony Orlando, famed Branson, Mo., entertainer, sings to nearly 1,800 442nd Fighter Wing members, their families, employers and special guests, at the "Welcome Home the Troops" celebration held in the 442nd's five-bay hangar Saturday. The day-long event saluted wing members activated and deployed since Sept. 11, 2001, in support of the war on terror and thanked the reservist's families and employers for their sacrifices and support. Besides backfilling at Whiteman and several other stateside locations, 442nd FW members have deployed to 17 overseas locations since Sept. 11, 2001, including Afghanistan and, more recently, Iraq.

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Tell them you care

Send a message to the loved ones in your life! The *Whiteman Spirit* wants to print your Valentine messages in the Feb. 13 issue. Notes can be submitted by e-mailing the *Whiteman Spirit* at whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil, and write "Valentine Note!" in the subject line, or delivered to the newspaper office in Bldg. 509, Suite 111.

A message collection box is posted in front of the base exchange through Feb. 10. Notes must be 20 words or less and in good taste.

Call 687-6133 for more information.

NOTE Be sure to include your name, phone number and whether the note is for a deployed member and if you'd like to include a photo of that person.



Education

For more details, visit <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm> or call 687-5750.

OTS training available

Enlisted members interested in applying for officer training school can apply now through March 2. Members without a science, engineering or flying-oriented background are eligible to apply. Previously, those applicants couldn't apply. Applicants must have a 3.0 grade point average or above to be eligible. Waivers of the Air Force Officers Qualification Test will be considered only if the composite score is 150 or higher. For more details, call Larry Broudrick at 687-2420.

MOAA gives scholarship money

The Military Officers Association of America is donating money for scholarships. Dependent children of active-duty military members can apply for scholarships now through March 1. MOAA membership isn't a requirement. To be eligible, students must be younger than 24 and working on their first undergraduate degree. Grant recipients will be randomly selected. To apply, visit the MOAA Web site at <http://www.moaa.org>. For more details, e-mail Rita Tinsley at edassist@moaa.org.

Spouse scholarship announced

Spouses of Air Force active-duty, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve members can apply for a scholarship from the Aerospace Education Foundation now through Jan. 30. Thirty applicants will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to pursue undergraduate, graduate or post graduate degrees. The scholarships will be awarded in March. More information is available at the education center or from the AEF Web site at <http://www.aef.org>.

Community

Whiteman choir performs at CMSU

The Whiteman Base Chapel Gospel Service Choir performs at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Central Missouri State University Union in room 240. The choir's performance is part of a series of free gospel music and dance exhibitions dedicated to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. For more details, call CMSU at 660-543-4640.

Mentors needed

The family support center needs mentors for elementary, middle and high school students. Volunteers must be available 3:15-4:15 p.m. weekdays and must attend monthly training. Supervisors and commanders may authorize airmen to become mentors when the airmen complete the mentor application. For more details, call Ann Beam at 687-7132.

AADD meetings set

Airmen Against Drunk Driving members meet at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of the month in the professional development center. Current members or those wishing to volunteer are encouraged to attend. For more details, call Senior Airman Kelly Johnson at 687-4800.

Join a 4-H club

The Spirit 4-H club meets 1-3 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the youth center. For more details, call Deborah Kermick or Connie Morton at 687-5586.

Parents of Pre-toddlers meet

The Parents of Pre-toddlers group meets 1-2:30 p.m. Mondays at the community center. For more details, call Lisa Williamson at 660-422-8367.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

Valentine party set

Families of those deployed or serving a remote assignment are invited to a Valentine party 1-3 p.m. Jan. 31. Reservations are required by Jan. 27.

Airmen's attic offers all-ranks day

The airmen's attic is open to all ranks 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday.

WIC representative visits base

A WIC representative is available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Thursday. WIC includes nutrition education, health promotion and a supplemental food program to help women, infants and children who have nutritional needs. For more details, call the WIC office in Warrensburg at 660-747-2012.

Class helps new parents

Expectant parents can gain information and resources at the Bundles for Babies class at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Participants will receive free Time-Life books and layette bundles. Reservations are required.

Pre-deployment briefing set

A mandatory pre-deployment briefing for people who are deploying or going on a temporary duty assignment for more than 30 days begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

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Leaders do first official PT test

By Staff Sgt. Todd Lopez

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force's most senior leaders, both officer and enlisted, completed their fitness evaluations Jan. 7 at the Bolling Air Force Base Wellness Center.

The group was among the first in the Air Force to have their physical fitness evaluated using the service's new fitness standard. Under the standard, fitness evaluations now include body composition, strength and aerobic fitness measurements.

Nearly 60 Air Force general officers, led by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper, were evaluated. The chief master sergeants were evaluated later in the afternoon. While it is unusual for so many senior leaders to be together at once for a fitness evaluation, General Jumper said the gathering served a purpose.

"We want everybody to know that when I say commanders are responsible for fitness, it starts at the top," said the general. "We have gotten all the Air Force leadership in the Washington area out at one time. Hopefully this demonstrates that leading from the top really means leading from the top."

General Jumper said he expects commanders around the service to follow his example and to participate in leading their airmen toward a more fit force.

"I expect squadron commanders to be out in front of their squadrons, group commanders to be out in front of their groups, and wing commanders to be out in front of their wings as we go through this test cycle," General Jumper said. "I expect the whole Air Force to test and I

expect that we all are going to pass."

The evaluations also represented the culmination of more than a year's worth of work in developing a new fitness standard for the Air Force. The service had been using the same gauge of fitness — the cycle ergometry test — for more than a decade. The new evaluation is more fitting of the demands put on airmen in today's expeditionary climate, General Jumper said.

"We are all over the world and in all sorts of climates," General Jumper said. "If you talk to the combat controllers, who during Operation Enduring Freedom were up at the top of 14,000-foot mountains with 100 pounds of gear, it becomes quite evident we need to be fit — fit to fight is the term we use."

Actually becoming fit to fight, and maintaining that fitness, is a similar process regardless of where an airman is stationed in the world, said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray before leading nearly 40 chiefs through warm-up exercises before their evaluation.

"Our efforts to develop a holistic approach to fitness — that includes aerobics, body composition and strength — has given us something that can be maintained anywhere we are," Chief Murray said. "It is nice to have great gymnasiums and facilities and equipment, but we don't need those to maintain our fitness. You can maintain fitness at deployed locations or at home."

Chief Murray also said he is impressed with the fitness efforts already under way at Air Force installations around the force.

"I am extremely pleased with what is coming together here and with our Air Force, as we see the culture is already being changed," Chief Murray said. "Wings are



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray (center) starts the 1.5-mile run for his fitness evaluation Jan. 7. More than 40 Air Force chief master sergeants from throughout the National Capitol Region braved bitter cold weather to join Chief Murray as he led the way in helping Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper officially launch the new Air Force fitness standard.

already out running together. That momentum will be important to us through this year as we evaluate the new standards, the way people approach them and the programs that are being developed to help us meet them."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Almost there

Greg Hauser, 509th Services Squadron, leads the noon spinning class at the fitness center Monday. Spinning classes begin at 6 a.m., 9 a.m., noon and 3:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the fitness center. A spinning orientation class begins at noon Tuesdays and Thursdays. Participants must complete orientation before taking a spinning class.

Get fit, Stay fit in 2004



The health and wellness center offers a variety of programs to enhance you well-being, maintain you health and avoid disease risk. Call 687-7662 for details.



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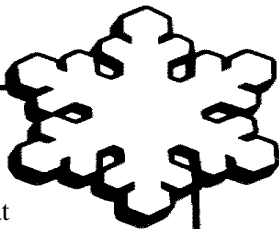
Youth Center 687-5586

Air Force Services Bowl by Mail

Children in kindergarten through 12th grade can bowl 5-8 p.m. Jan. 23 at Stars & Strikes. The \$6 fee for members and \$8 fee for nonmembers includes three games, shoe rental, one slice of pizza and a small drink. The end scores will be tallied at Air Force level and will be forwarded to ACC and then Air Force. Trophies will be presented to each winner in each age group. Sign up by Thursday.

Winter Wonderland

Winter Wonderland takes place 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jan. 30 at the youth center. Children in kindergarten through fourth grade can celebrate the winter season with an indoor snowball fight, building cup igloos, watching a movie and more. A \$5 fee for members and \$6.50 fee for nonmembers includes refreshments and prizes. Sign up begins Jan. 26.



Dance classes

Dance classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays at the community center. Ballet, tap, jazz and acrobatics are available for pre-school age. Ballet, tap, jazz and hip-hop jazz are available for school age. Stretch and strengthening classes are available for teens and adults. The cost is \$25 for members and \$32 for nonmembers. Times will vary, call for more information.

Start Smart Soccer

Learn to play soccer with a parent 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays and Fridays beginning Feb. 4. Children ages 3-5 can join Start Smart Soccer with a \$20 fee for each parent and child team. Sign up by Jan. 30.

Dinner and a movie

Dinner and a movie take place 6-9 p.m. Jan. 24 at the youth center. Children in fourth through seventh grade can make spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and cookies for dinner. The children can enjoy the meal while watching a movie. Sign up begins Monday.

Super Bowl party

Celebrate Super Bowl Sunday 5-9 p.m. Feb. 1 at the youth center. Children in fourth through seventh grade can vote before the game which team will win and what the final score will be. The participant who guesses the closest wins a prize. Pre-teens can watch the game on a big screen television. The cost of \$6 for members and \$7.50 for nonmembers includes snacks and refreshments. Sign up by Jan. 30.

Go Team!

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Trip to Bridal Cave

Take a trip 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 31 to Bridal Cave in Camdenton, Mo. The cost for tickets and transportation is \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth 12 and younger. Bring money for lunch. Sign up by Jan. 28 at outdoor recreation.

Three-day ski trip to Minnesota

Take a ski trip Jan. 23-25 to Spirit Mountain in Duluth, Minn. The bus leaves from outdoor recreation at 7 a.m. Jan. 23 and returns at 9 p.m. Jan. 25. The \$160 per person fee includes lodging, transportation, two continental breakfasts and 11 hours of skiing. Bring extra money for other meals. The bus will stop at the Mall of America on the way home. Sign up by Tuesday.

Military appreciation days

Active duty military can ski free Wednesdays until Feb. 25 at Snow Creek Resort in Weston, Mo. The package includes a lift pass and ski rentals. Retired military, reservists, Department of Defense civilians, and dependents 12 and older receive the same package for \$29. Dependents ages 7-12 can ski for \$19 and children 6 and younger can ski for \$10. Lessons are available. Directions to the resort are available at outdoor recreation.

Wall Climbing Competition

Now until April 1 compete in the squadron wall climbing competition. The total number of climbs by each participant and number of mile-high climbers will determine the awards. There's a \$10 fee for this event.

Overtime rock climbing

Open climbing is available for certified climbers 5:30-9 p.m. Jan. 30. A certification course takes place 6-8 p.m.

Skills Development Center 687-5691

Stained glass class

Learn to stain glass in a six-week class 6-9 p.m. Thursdays at the skills development center. The cost is \$45 plus supplies. Participants can start the class at any time.

Advanced framing techniques

An advanced framing technique class takes place 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the skills development center. The \$20 fee includes instruction and supplies. Students must have taken the basic framing class and must present certification at sign up. Sign up by noon Tuesday.

Mission's End 687-4422

Super Bowl party

A Super Bowl party starts one hour before the game Feb. 1 at Mission's End. Those who signed up for the recliner give away must be present to win.

ACC \$1 breakfast

Club members can enjoy a \$1 breakfast 6-8 a.m. Tuesday at Mission's End. Enjoy scrambled eggs, sausage links, biscuits and gravy, home fried potatoes, orange juice and coffee.

Mongolian BBQ

Enjoy Mongolian BBQ 5:30-8 p.m. Jan. 23 at Mission's End. Chicken, beef, shrimp, eggrolls, rice and more will be offered. This is \$10.95 for members and \$12.95 for nonmembers.

Teen Center 687-5819

Air Force Academy Aviation Camp

Enter for a chance to attend the Air Force Academy Aviation Camp June 4-11 in Colorado Springs, Colo. Beginning Feb. 1 teens in ninth and 10th grade can pick up an application at the teen center. Applications must be turned in by Feb. 28. Selectees will be announced April 1. All meals, lodging and activities will be provided. Selectees are responsible for transportation.

Stars & Strikes 687-5114



Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Larry Billings, 509th Medical Squadron, one of 11 Stars & Strikes Ham Shoot winners. Thank you to Speedway Chevrolet* for making this event possible.

Child Development Center 687-5588

Child care openings available

There are full-time openings for 2- to 5-year-olds at the child development center. This program is accredited through the national academy of Early Childhood Programs and licensed through the Department of Defense.

Whiteman Inn 687-1844

NAF sale

The last seven rooms of furniture will be sold 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Jan. 21 at the Whiteman Inn. Sign up begins at 9:30 a.m. Call for more information.

Fitness Center 687-5496

90 days around the U.S.

Run, cycle, exercise and play your way around the U.S. in 90 days to win great prizes. This program ends March 31. For more details, call the fitness center.

Community Center 687-5617

Valentines to go

All ages can prepare Valentine cards for our airmen abroad. Turn Valentine cards in by Jan. 23 at the community center.

Cartooning class

A free cartooning class takes place 3-4 p.m. Saturday and Jan. 31 at the community center. There's no sign up deadline for the class.

Concert and shopping trip

Enjoy a concert and shopping 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday in Kansas City, Mo. The \$10 fee includes transportation and a classical music concert at Folly Theater featuring the Miami String Quartet. Bring money for food and shopping at the Country Club Plaza. Today is the last day to sign up.

Cabin fever olympics

Compete in the cabin fever olympics 2-4 p.m. Jan. 24 at the community center. All are welcome to play summer sports indoors. Play putt-putt golf, pop-a-shot basketball, hoop toss nerf ball and more. There's no sign up deadline for this free event.

Family Child Care 687-5590/1180

Extended-duty care

Register now for the extended duty care program. It's available to help parents meet child care requirements for extra duty hours and child care emergencies. Care is provided in a contracted, licensed family child care home to augment regular care arrangements. An application must be completed before participation. Call for more details.